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In re Application of : DECISION ON RENEWED  
RUI, Luciano : PETITION UNDER  
U.S. Application No.: 10/584,954 : 37 CFR 1.47(b)  
PCT No.: PCT/FR2005/050007 :  
International Filing Date: 06 January 2005 :  
Priority Date: 07 January 2004 :  
Attorney's Docket No.: 292808US6PCT :  
For: DEVICE FOR CLEANING ROLLERS :

This decision is issued in response to the "Request For Reconsideration Of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)" filed 23 April 2008, treated herein as a renewed petition. No additional petition fee is required.

### BACKGROUND

The procedural background for the present application was set forth in the decision mailed on 15 February 2008. The decision dismissed the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) filed 29 October 2007 for failure to satisfy all the requirements of a grantable petition. Specifically, the petition did not include an adequate showing that the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant, SAINT-GOBAIN GLASS FRANCE ("Saint-Gobain"), had the necessary proprietary interest of in the present application.

On 23 April 2008, petitioner filed the renewed petition considered herein.

### DISCUSSION

The previous decision indicated that petitioner had provided an adequate showing that the non-signing inventor had assigned to Saint-Gobain the French priority application. However, the decision required petitioner to provide supplemental materials to confirm that the invention disclosed in the international application is the same as that disclosed in the assigned priority application.

The renewed petition includes a declaration by Christian Columbier in which Mr. Columbier states that he has firsthand knowledge that the invention disclosed in international application PCT/FR05/50007 is the same as that disclosed in the assigned French priority document. This submission, in combination with the previously filed materials, provides an adequate showing that the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant has the necessary proprietary interest in the

present application. Accordingly, petitioner has now satisfied the final requirement of a grantable petition.

### CONCLUSION

The renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is **GRANTED**. The application is accepted without the signature of non-signing inventor Luciano RUI.

A notice of the acceptance of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(b) will be published in the Official Gazette, and a letter informing the non-signing inventor of the application will be forwarded to the inventor's last-known address, as set forth in the petition.

The application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing. The date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) is 29 October 2007.



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Dear Mr. RUI:

You are identified as an inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(b) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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